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Another exchange group visits Saipan

By CASSIE DLG FEJERAN SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

The Sanpoen Japanese exchange students arrived on Saipan Thursday evening marking their 26th visit on the island.

The 22 Japanese students, 11-18 years of age, along with nine chaperons will be on island for a week, performing several activities such as water sports, sightseeing, and shopping.

On the day of their arrival the Japanese students visited the Governor's Office, and were welcomed on island during their visit to the Mayor's Office.

Leading the group is High Priest Kansho Kayaki and his brother Susumu Kayaki, Budist Priest.

High Priest Kayaki led the prayers for the 320 hand-made lanterns before they floated it out to sea.

Similar to the Japanese KSKK

exchange group, the Sanpoen group will be sponsored by local families on island.

Jesse Palacios is sponsoring two Japanese children in the program. "This is my first time. We might do some more sightseeing, maybe go and barbeque at the beach," he said.

The children in Saipan will also be able to participate in a similar program in Japan this coming February.

"Every year in July the group ar-

rives on Saipan, and every February we go there," said Tudela.

In Japan, they will perform to similar activities such as sightseeing and shopping. Several Japanese host families will sponsor the local children in the program as well.

Tudela is encouraging parents to put their child in the program. The program promotes goodwill and lasting friendship between the children of Japan and Saipan.

Council honors Tinian's Richard Hofschneider

The Third CNMI Association of Municipal Councils, Inc. has adopted a resolution extending their sympathies to the family of their vice president Jude U. Hofschneider on the death of his father, Richard Joseph "Dicky" Villagomez Hofschneider

The late "Dicky" Hofschneider and his wife, Andersina Untalan Hofschneider, were blessed with 13 children: Former Senator John U. Hofschneider (deceased); former delegate, second constitutional convention Henry U. Hofschneider (deceased); F. Rudy U. Hofschneider; Dr. James U. Hofschneider; Alvin U. Hofschneider; Herman U. Hofschneider; Richard Jr. U. Hofschneider; Bertha H. Aguon; Norbert U. Hofschneider; Alice U. Hofschneider; Julian U. Hofschnedier; Corrine H. Santos; and vice president and 10th Tinian/Aguiguan Municipal Council vice chairman Hofschneider.

The resolution further reads that the members of the association of Municipal Councils, Inc., joins vice president Hofschneider and his family members in their prayers for the late Dicky Hofschneider.

The resolution was certified by president Gregorio V. Deleon Guerrero and vice president Hofschneider and was attested by secretary Mametto M. Ayuyu.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.



SAIPAN AND TINIAN

Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers. **Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.



GUAM AND ROTA

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PALAU
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



POHNPEI

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: East at 10 kt.



YAP AND ULITHI Partly cloudy with

isolated showers. Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.



KOSRAE

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Southeast at 10 kt.



CHUUK

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: Northeast at 10-15 kt.



MAJURO

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Winds: East at 10-15 kt.

	CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
2	Auckland	Cloudy	61F (16C)	49F (9C)
禁	Beijing	Sunny	44F (7C)	26F (-3C)
4	Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
4	Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86F (30C)	72F (22C)
2	London, England	Cloudy	56F (13C)	45F (7C)
2	Los Angeles	Cloudy	69F (21C)	51F (11C)
2	Manila	Cloudy	88F (31C)	71F (22C)
禁	Melbourne	Sunny	73F (23C)	54F (12C)
4	Miami	Partly Cloudy	84F (29C)	75F (24C)
2	New York, NY	Cloudy	52F (11C)	48F (9C)
11	Osaka	Rain	54F (12C)	46F (8C)
2	Paris	Cloudy	53F (12C)	41F (5C)
4	Pusan	Rain	58F (14C)	43F (6C)
4	Rome	Partly Cloudy	55F (13C)	39F (4C)
11	Salem, Oregon	Rain	54F (12C)	38F (3C)
*	San Francisco	Sunny	64F (18C)	47F (5C)
	Seoul	Rain	52F (11C)	45F (7C)
W.	Tokyo	Rain	55F (13C)	49F (9C)
2	Washington, DC	Cloudy	60F (16C)	48F (9C)



Workshop for farmers and ranchers Monday

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service will conduct a one-day workshop tomorrow at room D-1 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

The workshop will discuss the possibility of applying for Farmer Rancher and Agricultural Professional and Producer grants.

For more information, please contact Isidoro T. Cabrera at 287-0571 or Edgar Cocker at 287-0561. For residents of Rota, please contact Mark Bonin at 532-9513.

Registration open for anger management

The Community Guidance Center will begin the next session for its Anger Management Program on Aug. 18 from 1-2:30pm in the N-5 Building in Navy Hill.

The program is an ongoing eight-week session, conducted every Wednesday of the week.

Several clients are referred to the program through the court; others are volunteer participants from the community.

For more information on the program or to register call the Community Guidance Center at 323-6567. Identities of participants will be kept confidential.

Mount Carmel parent orientation meeting

Mount Carmel School's mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled this coming Wednesday, Aug. 4, to be held at the Mount Carmel School Gym.

The meeting is for parents of students that will be attending for School Year 2004-2005 Parents are given the option of either attending the 12:00 pm meeting or the 6pm meeting.

Contact Mt. Carmel School at telephone number 235-1285 for inquiries.

SNISWCD meeting

The Saipan and Northern Islands Soil and Water Conservation District would like to inform the general public of their meeting on Aug. 5, 2004 at 1:30pm, at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office. For more information contact the office at 234-6170.

UPAA moves raffle draw date

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association CNMI Chapter has moved the June 12 fundraising raffle draw to Aug. 14, Saturday.

Those who have not yet purchased tickets are encouraged to do so. Proceeds will go to the UPAA's "Donate a Classroom Project" in the Philippines, and will help recognize and support deserving CNMI students.

The Aug. 14 raffle drawing will be held at the POLO office, 1st Floor of Nauru Building in Susupe, 6pm.

Torres offers free notarial services

Former congressman Stanley T. Torres, who is also a notary public, is offering free notarial services to all U.S. Army Reservists and their dependents.

Torres can be contacted through the offices of:

Rep. Heinz Hofschneider664-6969Rep. Jesus Attao664-8822Rep. David Apatang664-8980Or in an emergency287-9255

Social Security visit to Rota postponed

The Social Security representative's visit to Rota, originally schedule for July 16, has been postponed because the Pacific Islands Aviation flight from Saipan to Rota has been cancelled. The visit will be rescheduled when reliable air service from Saipan to Rota is again available.

For more information, Rota residents can call toll free at 532-9421. The local number on Saipan is 234-6203.

OFW health screening reset

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Philippine Overseas Labor Office and the OFW Advisory Council is informing the Filipino community on Saipan that the Health Screening Program this July is rescheduled for August 1, 2004, 9am, at the Ground Floor of the Nauru Building.

Residential, biz inspections in Kagman II village

The Division of Environmental Quality and the Bureau of Environmental Health would like to inform the residents of Kagman II village that on-site disposal system and premise compliance inspections would be conducted on residential and business facilities. The inspections has been ongoing since April 21, 2004 and will continue to be conducted every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kagman II residents are requested to cooperate with inspectors in keeping their dog(s) on a leash, for the safety of the inspectors. Both BEH and DEQ inspectors are required to wear their respective uniforms and photo identification during all inspections.

For additional information on the OSDS inspections, contact the BEH office at 664-4870/2 or the DEQ office at 664-8500/1.

Pag-IBIG refunds available

Pag-IBIG overseas program members from 1996-to January 1998 can now apply for a refund of their total contributions plus the 3-percent dollar interest tax-free.

"Just fill out a refund application form and you will receive your refund in U.S. dollars. After getting your refund, you can be a member again by submitting a new pop membership form and contribute a minimum of \$5.00 per month," according to a Pag-IBIG statement.

For a minimum contribution of \$5 a month, former members can also activate their Pag-IBIG membership also in the Philippines using the same Pag-IBIG ID number.

"Your contribution will be converted into Philippine pesos using the current conversion rate and it will earn a 7.5-percent peso interest. After 25 to 30 years from your initial contribution, you are entitled to a refund in Philippine peso of all your contribution including interest tax-free," the agency said.

For more information, call the Pop Saipan Office at 235-4749 or visit the Pop Office at the ground floor of the Nauru Building in Susupe and look for information officer Lynell F. Fulgencio.

Mallards to hold open house

Garapan Elementary School wishes to inform all parents that an open house will be held on Thursday, August 5, in conjunction with the first parents and teachers association meeting of the new school year.

The open house will from 5-6pm. The PTA meeting will start at 6pm in the cafeteria.

Additionally, all parents must be aware that children who received free meals last year are pre-approved to receive free meals for the first 30 days of the 2004-2005 school year.

To continue free meals for the rest of the school year, parents need to reapply for the free meal program as soon as possible (students will bring applications home as soon as they are available). Parents are also advised to submit all requested documents to ensure timely processing.

Only students who were approved for free meals last year are approved for free meals until Sept. 18. All other students must purchase their meals (\$0.50 for breakfast, \$0.75 for lunch).

"If your child was not approved for free meals last year, please send the appropriate amount of money or a packed lunch with your child every day to ensure that he or she may eat healthy meals," GES said.

As a reminder, GES hours are from 7:30am to 2:20pm. Parents are requested to please ensure that their children arrive at school between 7am and 7: 30am. If he or she is not a bus rider, parents are advised to pick up their children before 3pm.

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Island Snapshots



Gov. Juan N. Babauta receives a check worth \$25,000 from Joseph Hartman, president of SotfSky, which is the company that mints commemorative coins that uses the CNMI's names and seal. The check payment represents royalties made from the sale of the coins.



Members of the Youth Center of Music and the Performing Arts busy themselves cleaning cars, including these two police squad vehicles during Shell's "Suds for Funds" event held last July 24 at the Shell Puerto Rico station. The kids raised over \$400 to be used for YCMPA's various activities.

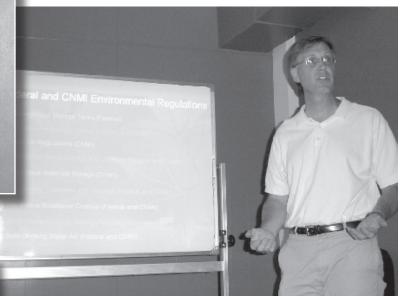


CASSIE DLG FEJERAN

High Priest Kansho Kayaki leads SANPOEN cultural exchange students and Mayor Juan B.

Tudela in prayer prior to releasing the lanterns

TRIBUTED PHOTO Patrick Guerrero of the CNMI Water Task Forces stresses a point. CO



David Hodges of the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality uses a projector to point out Federal and CNM regulations.

A member of the International Students Association of Japan Cultural Exchange Program tries out the Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente's chair at the Governor's Office Tuesday.



The CNMI canoe crew make landfall in Palau where they will participate in the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture.

Four of the eight Liberation Queens-Lady Myla Grace Capilitan, Lady Sheyvonne Judy Aldan, Leiana K. Ogumoro, and Lady Sarah T. Igisaiartake a minute to smile for the camera just before their dance performance during Street Market Thursday night.

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'Diaries' is Guevara's early years

By ADAM RANEY

AP WRITER

At first glimpse, Gael Garcia Bernal's boyish looks don't bring revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara to mind: no goatee, no military beret, no fatigues.

That's a good thing, however, as the 26-year-old rising Mexican star redefines the leftist revolutionary for the big screen.

"The Motorcycle Diaries," a Robert Redford-produced accounting of Che's youthful escapades across South America, opened Thursday in Guevara's native Argentina and is coming in September to American audiences. It has screened in Cuba to enthusiastic audiences.

Garcia Bernal, who previously starred as Julio in "Y Tu Mama Tambien," has a seemingly impossible task: putting flesh and blood back on the figure of the legendary Che—who nearly 40 years after his death in the Bolivian jungle is more myth than man.

"Che is usually only seen as a revolutionary and I hope we change that," said Garcia Bernal, sporting a gothic rock T-shirt and disheveled haircut at the premiere.

Garcia Bernal plays Che as a cleancut, 23-year-old medical student seven years before he and Fidel Castro took Havana in one of the 20th century's most famous revolutions.

The year is 1952 and Guevara, a leprosy specialist, and an Argentine friend, biochemist Alberto Granado (played by Argentine Rodrigo de la Serna) mount a single Norton 500cc motorcycle—dubbed "The Mighty One." Their jaunt will last more than eight months and more than 10,000 kilometers across



Rising Mexican star Gael Garcia Bernal plays revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara in "The Motorcycle Diaries," a Robert Redford-produced accounting of Che's youthful escapades across South America.

much of South America.

From Buenos Aires, the adventurers cross Patagonia into Chile, then head up through the Peruvian highlands to Colombia before the end of the road in Venezuela.

It's the cinematically untold story of Che's coming-of-age and his growing commitment to the downtrodden. By the end, viewers have a greater awareness of how an asthmatic medical student made the leap to machine-gun toting, fatigue-clad revolutionary.

In the opening sequences, Brazilian director Walter Salles gives fleeting shots of Guevara's privileged early life: Che the rugby player wheezing after a big goal; Che the loving son kissing his mother goodbye; the awkward last dance with his girlfriend.

"We wanted to take a look at Che's history before history took over Che,"

said Salles, whose Oscar-nominated "Central Station" played big in the United States in 1998.

Granado, who followed Guevara to Cuba in the early 60s and started a medical school there, liked the finished film. "We want to show that Che was of flesh and blood," said Granada, 82.

The Spanish-language film was based on Guevara's "Motorcycle Diaries" and Granado's book, "With Che

through Latin America."

It's the first major film to deal with Guevara in a generation.

Earlier Guevara biopics include obscure documentaries and the 1969 "Che!", starring Omar Sharif as Guevara and Jack Palance as Fidel Castro. Steven Soderbergh is set to direct "Che," due for release next year.

starring Oscar winner Benicio del Toro as the fallen leftist hero.

After countless crashes humble "The Mighty One," Guevara and Granado take off on foot across the Atacama desert of northern Chile, bound for Peru and Colombia.

Casual encounters with a poor Chilean miner and his family become events that revolutionize Guevara's thinking.

As the miner tells the Argentines that he lost his land for being a communist, the camera zooms in on Bernal, who gives Guevara's first steely-eyed look of the film. The expression brings to mind the staunch revolutionary who stares out from millions of posters worldwide.

Although Salles and Garcia Bernal professed no political purpose for the film, both admit they hope the film illuminates Che in ways unseen.

Said the actor: "Che provokes a search for identity that is very important in Latin America."

The Village: An astounding movie, but not in the way you expect

xpectations are high for director/screenwriter M. Night Shyamalan. He blew us away with The Sixth Sense, polarized audiences with the quirky Unbreakable, and made us gleefully jump in our seats with Signs.

Based on the previews of The Village, I anticipated it would be another great Shyamalan thriller, with yet another trademark Shyamalan surprise twist in the plot. I was surprised, all right, but not by the plot.

The Village is not very thrilling, and the big surprise ending we've come to expect from Shyamalan is really not very surprising. As disappointing as it is, however, The Village is still a good movie, if not great.

Shyamalan appears to be branching out, and I can't wait to see where he goes next.

I can't stand it when film critics spoil the movie by giving away key plot points, so there's no way I'm going to do that to you. I do think it's important, however, that you at least know what type of movie you're about to drop a couple dimes on.

Occasionally, The Village tries to be scary, with limited success, but those moments are few and far between. Only remotely resembling what we presumed it would be, The Village is a romance, through and through. The "scary" scenes, believe it or not, are more of a distraction than anything else, only taking us away from what is otherwise a passionate love story.

Set in 19th century Pennsylvania, The Village is about a small community that never ventures outside of their territory, for fear of danger from some spooky creatures, known by the villagers as "those we do not speak of". That's really just the premise, though. The real story is the love that develops between soft-spoken but brave Lucius (Joaquin Pheonix) and candid, independent Ivy (Bryce Dallas Howard).

Most people who know Shyamalan know him for the fact that all of his movies finish with a grand twist or revelation. What really sets him apart from his contemporaries, however, is the fact that while he makes thrillers, they're all character-driven. Sure, Signs is a sci-fi thriller, and The Sixth Sense is a supernatural thriller, but first and foremost, they're personal dramas. Genuine human emotion takes center-stage in all of his movies, and he's proven to have an indisputable ability to bring out the very best of every actor he directs. The Village continues this trend, but to a much greater degree.

While walking out of the theater, I was most taken aback by the fact that I, a die-hard fan of Shyamalan's work, was hoping he would let go of the thriller-with-a-surprise-ending thing. The Village would've been a much better movie without all the monsters in the woods. At the risk of being labeled a wuss, I have to admit there were a couple moments in The Village that made me want to shed some man-tears.

The acting is all-around superb, particularly from Sigourney Weaver (Lucius' mother) and William Hurt (Ivy's father). And more than ever before, Shyamalan is showing that his greatest talent as a director is building characters that the audience can empathize and identify with.

As terrific a job he did as director of The Village, though, Shyamalan has taken a huge stumble as a screenwriter. Besides being somewhat predictable and totally unbelievable, the premise is also an allegory for a post-9/11 America, but it's just not convincing. Maybe Shyamalan should leave the politics to the likes of Micheal Moore.

The score by composer James Newton Howard is the best I've heard so far, this year, and that says a lot, considering how big a fan I am of Danny Elfman (Spiderman 2). The cinematography by Roger Deakins is spectacular. If you appreciate these kinds of things, The Village is well worth the price of admission, if only for the fact that it is both visually and aurally beautiful. If you don't appreciate the subtleties of a good film...ehhhh. Maybe you should stay home and rent either The Sixth Sense or Signs, both of which have a much broader appeal and are just plain better movies than The Village.

By JOE WEINDL Special to the Saipan Tribune



If you're feeling daring, try Shyamalan's lesser-known movie – Unbreakable. Unbreakable: Who'da thunk Bruce Willis could act?

The black sheep of the Shyamalan family of films, Unbreakable is the worst-reviewed, and least popular (prior to The Village, anyway). It does, however, have a bit of a cult-following, and I happen to be a proud member of that cult. Unlike The Sixth Sense, and Signs, Unbreakable is not a thriller. Instead, it's a deliberately-paced story about second-chances, with an imaginative twist. Great for some people; sleepy-time for others.

Bruce Willis stars, as David Dunn, a working-class dad, whose marriage is on the rocks. Having survived a train wreck, in which he is the only survivor, and without a scratch on his body, he is approached by Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson), a man with an extremely fragile skeleton. Price tries to convince Dunn that his survival of the wreck was not a coincidence, but that he just might be "unbreakable". From there, we're lead in a myriad of directions, until the final pieces of the puzzle are put together for a perfect fit.

Unbreakable is a superhero movie without a superhero or any real villain. When all is said and done, we're able to sympathize with every character's motivations. While not for everybody, I nevertheless suggest Unbreakable to everyone because you never know—you just might want to join the cult.



'Ajax Man' actor Roche dies at 75

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Eugene Roche, a paunchy character actor who played the kitchen-cleaning "Ajax man" in commercials and had memorable roles in such television shows as "All in the Family" and "Magnum P.I" has died at age 75.

Roche died Wednesday after suffering a heart attack in an Encino hospital, family friend Timothy Wayne said Friday. He had been hospitalized Monday for tests after suffering a mild heart attack at his home in Sherman Oaks, Wayne said.

Roche's name may not be familiar to most audiences, but his face surely was.

Plump and jovial with glinting eyes, Roche costarred on TV's "Webster" as a lovable landlord, and was Archie Bunker's neighborhood nemesis Pinky Peterson on "All in the Family."

Roche, born in Boston, also played the curmudgeonly "old school" private investigator Luther Gillis on "Magnum P.I.," the sly attorney E. Ronald Mallu on the sitcom "Soap" and the newspaper editor Harry Burns on "Perfect Strangers."

One of his most memorable movie roles was in 1971's "Slaughterhouse-Five," based on the novel by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. Roche played a likable POW named Edgar Derby, who amid the scorched remains of a firebombed Dresden picks up an intact porcelain figurine as a souvenir - and is promptly executed for looting by his German captors.

Cage marries ex-waitress at 3rd wedding

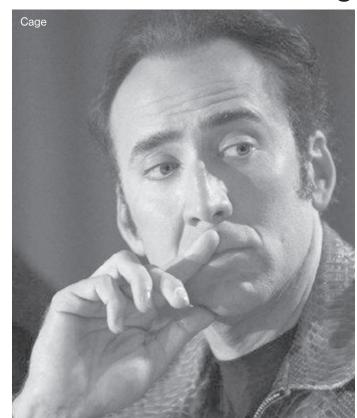
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar-winning actor Nicolas Cage has married for the third time. The "Leaving Las Vegas" star wed 20-year-old Alice Kim on Friday at a private ceremony on a ranch in Northern California, publicist Annett Wolf told The Associated Press

It is the third wedding for Cage, 40, who split with his previous wife Lisa Marie Presley after less than four months in 2002. Before that, he was married for six years to actress Patricia Arquette.

Kim, a former sushi waitress, met Cage when the actor visited the Los Angeles restaurant where she worked. This is her first marriage.

They started dating in February and reportedly became engaged after about two months.

Wolf declined to provide addition details on the nuptials. No photo was released.



P. Diddy, Affleck chat at DNC

NEWYORK(AP)—Despite their J.Lo connection, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs was on the same page with Ben Affleck at the Democratic National Convention.

Combs told the E! cable channel on the convention floor in Boston: "No way a woman would ever come between men. I have no problem with him just because we dated the same girl. Right now we are both trying to get involved in the process and get people out to vote."

Kerry and his running mate, Thursday night.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, rolled out of Boston Friday with Affleck to start a two-week, 3,500-mile campaign on buses emblazoned with the words, "Believe in America." First stops, Scranton and Harrisburg, Pa., a state President Bush lost by 5 percentage points in 2000.

Affleck, star of the blockbusters "Pearl Harbor" and "Armageddon"—and the bombs "Gigli" and "Jersey Girl"-made many appearances during Presidential nominee John the convention, which ended

Combs was in Boston to promote his nonprofit outreach group, Citizen Change. The hip-hop mogul told AP Radio in an interview: "In the streets the young people are talking about voting this year. We have made some successes on making voting necessary, making it cool, making it relevant."

After her much publicized romances with Combs and Affleck, Jennifer Lopez reportedly married singer Marc Anthony in a small ceremony at her Beverly Hills, Calif., home in early June.

Venice film festival to slim down

ROME (AP)—This year's Venice Film Festival has slimmed down. Calling the 61st edition "a thinner and more nimble one," the festival's new head, Marco Muller, said he wanted to bring the biggest films of the year to Venice without feeling bound to a quota system.

"There is no need to look at a map and feel that you have to take films from all different parts of the world," he said.

in recent years-more come from the United States and Europe, fewer from Asia.

Muller, an Italian movie producer who previously headed smaller festivals in Italy and abroad, took over from Moritz de Haldeln of Switzerland earlier this year. De Haldeln had been in charge for two years, and was the first non-Italian ever to head the Venice festival.

This year's festival opens Sept.

Terminal" starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones-and runs through Sept. 11.

Both Spielberg and Hanks will be in Venice to present the film, Muller said.

The festival will be split into several sections, with 21 films competing for the Golden Lion prize. In addition, there will be competitions for films from new directors, for films aimed at a young audience, and for



Aunt gets an earful for her silence on niece's wedding

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My sister informed me that her daughter was pregnant and being married at the local courthouse. They live in Kansas. I live in Florida.

The day after the ceremony, my sister e-mailed me, expressing her anger that I did not acknowledge her daughter's "special day." Keep in mind that I have never known her kids, as we have lived so far apart all of their lives. Her other daughters have called me every name they can



come up with, trying to make me feel bad for "forgetting" about the event. I don't feel I was obligated to do anything, especially when my sister announced it would be "parents only" at the ceremony.

Who's out of line here, in your opinion?

DISTANT AUNT IN TITUSVILLE, FLA.

DEAR DISTANT AUNT: Since you weren't invited to the wedding, you had no obligation to send a gift. It would have been nice if you had marked the occasion with something a token gift. However, since you are now being "called every name they can come up with," I wouldn't blame you for going from distant aunt to an even more distant one.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 65-year-old grandmother who had a colostomy a little over a year ago. It wasn't due to cancer or a life-threatening illness. It was due to lack of muscle control because of having children.

I care for my grandchildren two or three times a week, a 2year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. How do I explain this to a 4-year-old? I don't want to scare her. From the time she was able to walk she came into the bathroom with me, and now she's curious about why she can't anymore. Is there a way you can explain this to a child? Thanks for any advice you can give.

GRANDMA IN BRISTOL, CONN.

DEAR GRANDMA: That you had a colostomy because of incontinence due to childbirth is too much information for a child your granddaughter's age. Simply tell her that she's not a baby anymore, and you would prefer privacy in the bathroom. Most adults do, and it should not require a detailed explanation.

However, if your granddaughter should happen to enter the bathroom unexpectedly and ask specific questions about what she has seen, a brief explanation that you are all right and that you just go to the bathroom a little differently than she does should suffice. As she gets older, appropriate information can be provided on a "need-to-know" basis.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are having a debate. I say you do not need to tip hairdressers if they rent their station and take 100 percent of the fees they charge. I say that tipping is only for people on commission. She disagrees.

I want to send my new hairdresser a tip if I'm wrong. "CURLY" IN CHESTERFIELD, MO.

DEAR CURLY: When in doubt, the wisest policy is to ask if tips are accepted. In many beauty salons, tips are welcomed even by the owner. For color, cuts and permanents, the usual amount is 15 to 20 percent. For a simple wash and set or blow-dry, it's 15 percent. In addition, regular customers give their hairdressers—and manicurists—gifts at Christmas. So haul out your wallet; your sister is right.

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his questions during the first day of auditions, Friday, July 30, 2004, in New York. Alot of hope-

"YOURE FIRED!"

Donald Trump, left,

"The Apprentice" TV reality show respond to

listens as unidentified

potential candidates for

fuls were eager to meet Trump and become a contestant for the

show's third season.















Tyson stopped in shocking fourth-round KO

By TIM DAHLBERG



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Mike Tyson was knocked out in the fourth round Friday night in a

shocking end to the latest comeback of the fighter who once was the most feared heavyweight of his era.

Unheralded British heavyweight Danny Williams landed a flurry of punches that sent Tyson sprawling into the ropes, perhaps ending his career with the same kind of fury that Tyson once unleashed on other fighters.

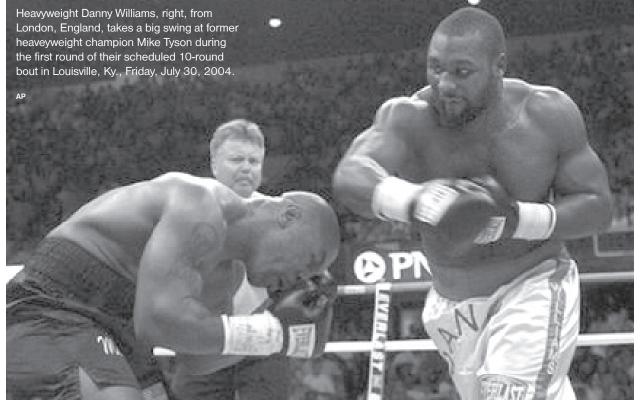
The fighter once called the baddest man on the planet went down from a final right hand, then laid helplessly along the ropes, blood streaming down his face. He tried to get up to beat the count, then fell down again and the fight was waved to a stunning close at 2:51 of the fourth round.

"People forget this isn't a peak Mike Tyson. This was a Mike Tyson who was 38 years old," Williams said. "I thought I could win."

The fight was a free-for-all from the opening bell, with Tyson landing some huge left hooks early, only to take punishment himself when Williams got over his initial stage fright and began brawling himself.

Tyson won the first three rounds, but Williams was landing well to the head and when he began throwing punch after punch with Tyson near a neutral corner, Tyson couldn't answer back.

When the end came, Tyson laid half propped up by the ring ropes with a look of resignation on his face. He made one effort to get up, but stumbled



and the fight was over.

Tyson's handlers said later he injured his knee late in the first round. He was taken to a local hospital to get stitches for a cut near the corner of his right eye.

"I felt like I had him," Williams said. "I just remember (Evander) Holyfield fighting him that Holyfield kept coming with shot after shot."

After he went back to the corner, Tvson told trainer Freddie Roach: "I'm sorry. I'm disappointed.'

"You don't have to be sorry with me," Roach replied.

At the opposite side of the ring, there was a much different reaction. Wil-

liams saw his girlfriend and mother of his two children, Zoe Browne, and proposed to her. She accepted.

Fighting in Muhammad Ali's hometown before a big crowd that cheered his every move, Tyson tried with every punch to score the kind of spectacular knockout that would make him a heavyweight contender once again at the age of 38.

But Williams wouldn't go down and then came back with shocking suddenness to win.

It was Tyson's first fight in 17 months, and only his second since taking a beating from former heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis two years ago.

He was desperately trying to resurrect a career that made him more than \$300 million, but the loss to a 9-1 underdog perhaps signals the end of an era in the heavyweight division

Tyson left the ring refusing to talk, but his manager Shelly Finkel said he twisted his knee late in the first round and it bothered him.

"He couldn't get leverage," Finkel said. "When the guy was leaning on him I knew it would be a bad night."

The crowd of 17,253 that nearly filled Freedom Hall came to see a knockout by Tyson, and when Tyson rocked Williams with a big uppercut and some left hooks in the first two rounds it looked like they would get what they came for.

But Tyson was cut in the third round, and Williams showed he was going to be the bully in this fight. He hit Tyson on the break, losing a point, then hit him low, and the referee took another point.

"The way Tyson fights when he hits you with a good shot you want to get one back at him," Williams said.

Williams came in with a 31-3 record with 26 knockouts, but had fought only once in the United States. He said before the fight he wouldn't be scared and would beat Tyson in the late rounds, but the end came even earlier than he thought.

Tyson's record fell to 50-5-2 and the loss was his first in a non-title fight.

Tyson won the first three rounds on all three ringside scorecards. But Williams, who weighed 265 pounds to 233 for the former champion, kept fighting back and soon seemed to be getting the better of Tyson when they traded head shots.

In the fourth round, Tyson landed a big left hook early, but soon Williams took over and was landing almost unanswered when he drove Tyson into the ropes with the final punch.

Referee Dennis Alfred began counting and got to five, then waited for Williams to go to a neutral corner, giving Tyson more time. But even that wasn't enough as Tyson lay beaten, bleeding and battered on the ropes.

"He was laying on him a lot. The weight wore him out," Tyson trainer Freddie Roach said. "He had a great amount of firepower. Mike moved his head well and threw good combinations."

Bryant judge apologizes for mistakes



EAGLE, Colo. (AP)— Looking directly at the parents of the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape, the judge in the NBA star's sexual assault case apologized

Friday for mistakes that have put her name on the Internet and given the public an inadvertent look at some of the evidence.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle said he is treating the gaffes as a learning experience.

"For all of those who come through these doors, victims and defendants alike, whose names are never known and never sought, I can only assure you I have learned lessons from these mistakes, and that we will give our best human effort not to let it happen again," he said.

Then he looked up at the parents of the 20-year-old accuser and said, "Again, I apologize." They nodded in response.

The comments came during one of two hearings scheduled before jury selection begins Aug. 27. The attorneys and Bryant later met behind closed doors to discuss evidentiary motions.

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty to a felony sexual assault charge, saying he had consensual sex with the woman, an employee of the Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

John Clune, an attorney for the

woman, was not at the hearing but later said the judge's "self-serving generic apology was insulting to the victim and her parents."

Clune said Ruckriegle should have personally contacted Bryant's accuser and her family before giving a public apology in his courtroom.

The mistakes date back months. In September, the woman's name was included in a filing on a state courts Web site that was quickly removed. Last fall, the Glenwood Springs hospital where she and Bryant were examined accidentally turned over her medical records to attorneys in the case.

In June, a court reporter accidentally e-mailed transcripts of a closed hearing to The Associated Press and six other news organizations, revealing details of defense arguments about the accuser's sexual activities and money received from a victims' compensation fund. This week, a sealed order by Ruckriegle was mistakenly posted on the Web site, divulging her name again and information about DNA evidence collected during Bryant's hospital exam.

At that point, Clune demanded an apology, saying his client and her family had lost confidence in the justice system.

State courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz said a letter of apology was being prepared for the family on behalf of the court staff. The judge is considering a request by Clune to halt use of the court Web site and e-mail to distribute information about the case.

Three tied for lead at Buick Open



GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP)—Vijay Singh kept a share of the lead at the Buick Open on Friday and there were plenty of big names in contention after two rounds. Singh, the first-round leader, Jim Furyk and Billy Andrade were tied

for the lead at 11 under. John Daly matched his best round of the year with a 64 and was tied with three others one stroke behind the leaders. Tiger Woods had a 4-under 68 and was among four others

another shot back. The cut was 4 under, matching the low for the season on the PGA Tour.

Singh, who had a 70 Friday, was one of the few on the leaderboard unable to take advantage of soggy conditions that made Warwick Hills even more susceptible to low scores.

Furyk, playing in his fourth tournament since having wrist surgery in March, has a legitimate shot at being the first to repeat at the Buick Open since Tony Lema in 1965.

He had a second-round 67, hitting every fairway for the second straight day, and has been in the 60s in 14 of his last 16 rounds at Warwick Hills.

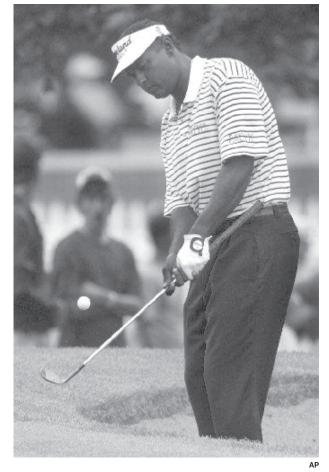
Andrade has picked up where he left off last week when he finished tied for fourth at the U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee, his only top-10 finish in 20 events. He followed an opening 68 with a 65.

Daly had a 64 at the Nissan Open in February when he finished fourth. He missed the cut at both the British Open and the Masters and hasn't had a top-10 finish since April. But the popular player won the Buick Invitational six months ago, his first victory since the 1995 British Open.

Woods pulled within a shot of the leaders with a birdie at No. 14, but followed that with his first bogev of the tournament on the next hole. He failed to birdie the par-5 16th after a lackluster chip and putt.

Players vying for a spot on the Ryder Cup team have three tournaments left - Buick Open, The International and the PGA Championship - to earn points with top-10 finishes.

The top 10 players earn automatic spots on the U.S. team. Jerry Kelly and Scott Verplank, 11th and 12th in the points,



Vijay Singh of Fiji chips from the rough while standing in a bunker at the ninth green during the second round of the Buick Open, Friday, July 30, 2004, at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich.

were both 7 under and tied for 15th. Fred Funk, in eighth place, withdrew from the tournament with a rib injury and Jeff Maggert, who is 10th in the standings, missed the cut.

Steve Flesch, currently ninth, just made the cut at 4 under.

Brown returns to lead Yankees over Orioles



Yankees a big boost by pitching into the seventh inning in his first start in more than seven weeks, and Alex Rodriguez homered and drove in two runs in New York's 2-1 victory Friday night over Baltimore.

On the night before baseball's trade deadline-with speculation swirling about whether the Yankees will be able to strike a deal with Arizona for Randy Johnson—Brown was impressive. Brown (8-1), activated from the disabled list before the game after being sidelined since June 10 with a lower back spasm and an intestinal parasite, allowed one run and four hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out five and walked two, throwing 88 pitches.

Red Sox 8, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Bronson Arroyo pitched seven-plus sharp innings, Gabe Kapler drove in three runs as Boston ended Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

Arroyo (4-7) frustrated the Twins, allowing two runs off eight hits and striking out eight in his first start since last week's bench-clearing brawl at Fenway Park with the Yankees.

Tigers 5, White Sox 4

In Detroit, Bobby Higginson drew a tiebreaking walk with two out in the eighth inning to help Detroit hand Chicago its sixth straight loss.

Damaso Marte (4-4) loaded the bases in the eighth. Alex Sanchez led off with an infield single, Carlos Guillen singled with one out and Rondell White walked with two out to load the bases. Marte then walked Higginson on a 3-2 pitch.

Blue Jays 3, **Devil Rays 0**

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Josh Towers won his fourth straight start with seven innings of twohit ball, and Josh Phelps homered twice to help Toronto beat Tampa Bay.

Towers (6-3) walked just one and struck out four before Vinnie Chulk worked a hitless eighth and Jason Frasor pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 14 opportunities,

Rangers 7, Athletics 5

In Arlington, Texas, Laynce Nix and Michael Young hit consecutive two-run singles with two out in the bottom of the eighth inning as Texas rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Oakland reclaim first place in the American League West.

Oakland starter Rich Harden held the Rangers hitless until the fourth, and he left after six with a 4-2 lead. But the bullpen failed, and Chad Bradford (5-5) took the loss.



New York Yankees pitcher Kevin Brown delivers against the Baltimore Orioles during the first inning Friday, July 30, 2004, at Yankee Stadium

Indians 7, Royals 6, 11 innings

In Kansas City, Missouri, Omar Vizquel led off the 11th inning with a triple and scored on Matt Lawton's sacrifice fly to give Cleveland the victory over Kansas City.

Vizquel, hitless in his first five at-bats, blooped a 1-1 pitch from Scott Sullivan (3-4) just inside the line in short right field, extending his hitting streak to 12 games. He slid home on Lawton's sacrifice fly but easily beat the throw.

Angels 6, Mariners 5

In Anaheim, California, Bengie Molina hit a two-run, go-ahead single with two outs in the eighth inning as Anaheim got homers from Robb Ouinlan and Jose Guillen to beat Seattle.

Molina, whose two-run shot in the ninth tied Thursday night's game before the Mariners won it in the 13th, lined an 0-1 pitch to left-center against J.J. Putz (0-3) to score Garret Anderson and Darin Erstad.

Cubs 10, Phillies 7

In Chicago, Aramis Ramirez hit three home runs and the Cubs rallied to beat Philadelphia, sending the slumping Phillies to their fifth straight loss.

Ramirez hit solo homers off Eric Milton in the second and sixth innings and another bases-empty shot off Roberto Hernandez in the seventh. It was the second three-homer game of Ramirez's career.

Braves 3, Mets 1

In Atlanta, Marcus Giles had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run, and Atlanta handed New York its (10-9). 12th loss in 17 games.

Before the game, the Mets acquired pitchers Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano and a minor league infielder in separate trades, and unloaded infielder Ty Wigginton, highly touted minor league pitcher Matt Peterson and infielder Jose Bautista.

Expos 9, Marlins 0

In Miami, Livan Hernandez pitched a three-hitter and Brad Wilkerson and Nick Johnson homered to help Montreal spoil Josh Beckett's third return from the disabled list.

Beckett (4-6), who had been

out since July 6 because of torn skin on his right middle finger, lasted only three-plus innings, allowing four runs on six hits, including Wilkerson's two-run shot in the second inning.

Brewers 5, Pirates 0

In Milwaukee, Doug Davis allowed four hits in seven innings, and Brady Clark hit a two-run double to lead Milwaukee over Pittsburgh, which before the game dealt pitcher Kris Benson to the New York Mets for infielder Ty Wiggington and two minor leaguers.

Davis (10-9) snapped a personal three-game losing streak with the help of two double plays.

Astros 2, Reds 2, 6 innings, suspended, rain

In Cincinnati, Houston's Jeff Bagwell singled home the tying run moments before a third rain delay resulted in a suspended game in the sixth inning.

The game will be picked up Saturday with the score tied at 2 and two Astros on base in the top of the sixth. The regularly scheduled game for Saturday will then follow.

Rockies 4, **Diamondbacks 1**

In Denver, Randy Johnson allowed four runs and struck out six in what might have been his last start for Arizona, but Colorado beat the "Big Unit."

Jason Jennings (10-8) allowed one run in seven innings and Matt Holliday hit a two-run triple in the Rockies' four-run seventh inning off Johnson

Dodgers 12, Padres 3

In San Diego, Milton Bradley homered twice and Jeff Weaver pitched eight innings of four-hit ball, and Los Angeles took a 3 1/2-game lead over San Diego in the NL West.

Bradley also robbed Phil Nevin of a two-run homer in the third, when he made a backhanded grab over the fence for the final out.

Cardinals 7, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Barry Bonds hit his 685th homer, but Jim Edmonds had a two-run triple during the St. Louis' six-run sixth inning.

Mike Matheny added a two-run fifth straight win.

Tony Womack tripled to start double as St. Louis rallied from the Cardinals' decisive rally, and an early three-run deficit for its

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
64	38	.627	-
56	45	.554	7 1/2
48	54	.471	16
46	55	.455	17 1/2
45	57	.441	19
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Central Division						
	Minnesota	57	45	.559	-	
	Chicago	52	48	.520	4	
	Cleveland	53	50	.515	4 1/2	
	Detroit	49	54	.476	8 1/2	
	Kansas City	35	66	.347	21 1/2	

West Division

Texas	57	44	.564	-
Oakland	57	45	.559	1/2
Anaheim	55	48	.534	3
Seattle	39	63	.382	18 1/2

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 2, Baltimore 1 Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4 Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 0 Texas 7, Oakland 5 Boston 8, Minnesota 2 Cleveland 7, Kansas City 6, 11 innings Anaheim 6, Seattle 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	56	46	.549	0
Florida	52	51	.505	4.5
Philadelphia	52	51	.505	4.5
New York	49	53	.480	7
Montreal	40	63	.388	16.

Central Division

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St. Louis	66	36	.647	0		
Chicago	56	47	.544	10.5		
Houston	51	51	.500	15		
Cincinnati	50	52	.490	16		
Milwaukee	50	52	.490	16		
Pittsburgh	48	53	475	17.5		

West Division

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Los Angeles	60	42	.588	0			
San Diego	57	46	.553	3.5			
San Francisco	56	49	.533	5.5			
Colorado	45	58	.437	15.5			
Arizona	33	72	.314	28.			

Yesterday's Games

Chicago 10, Philadelphia 7 Cincinnati 2, Houston 2 Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1 Montreal 9, Florida 0 Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 0 Colorado 4, Arizona 1 Los Angeles 12, San Diego 3 St. Louis 7, San Francisco 4

BUICK OPEN SCORES

SECOND ROUND

Billy Andrade	68-65	133
Jim Furyk	66-67	133
Vijay Singh	63-70	133
Carlos Franco	67-67	134
John Daly	70-64	134
Stewart Cink	69-65	134
Olin Browne	64-70	134
Craig Barlow	66-69	135
Pat Bates	70-65	135
Tiger Woods	67-68	135
Bob Tway	68-67	135
Robert Gamez	68-68	136
Matt Gogel	68-68	136
Daniel Chopra	68-68	136
David Peoples	66-71	137
Jeff Sluman	70-67	137
Kenny Perry	69-68	137
Jerry Kelly	71-66	137
Scott McCarron	68-69	137
Scott Verplank	70-67	137
Jose Maria Olazabal	70-6	137
Chris DiMarco	69-68	137
Mark O'Meara	67-70	137
Bill Haas	72-65	137
Robert Damron	67-71	138
Hank Kuehne	69-69	138
Bill Glasson	75-63	138
Justin Rose	68-70	138
Wes Short, Jr.	70-68	138
Mike Grob	65-73	138

aul Casey	72-66	138
Brian Gay	68-70	138
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anny Briggs	68-72	140
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SPORTS TRANSACTIONS

MLB

MLB-Suspended Houston 2B Jeff Kent for three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for arguing a called strike two with plate umpire Chris Guccione in a July 25 game. Suspended Seattle pitching coach Bryan Price for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for arguing balls and strikes with plate umpire Charlie Reliford in a July 26 game.

ANAHEIM ANGELS-Terminated the contract of OF Raul Mondesi.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS- Traded INF Jose Bautista to the New York Mets for C Justin Huber Recalled RHP D.J. Carrasco from Omaha of the PCL. Assigned Huber to Omaha

NY YANKEES-Activated RHP Kevin Brown from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Bret Prinz to Columbus of the IL. SEATTLE MARINERS-Recalled RHP Gil Meche and called up RHP Scott Achison from Tacoma of the PCL. Placed RHP Julio Mateo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 29. Traded INF Dave Hansen to the San Diego Padres for RHP Jon Huber.

CINCINNATI REDS-Agreed to terms with OF Darren Bragg. Traded RHP Todd Jones and OF Brad Correll to the Philadelphia Phillies for RHP Josh Han cock and SS Anderson Machado.

FLORIDA MARLINS-Activated RHP Josh Beckett from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Justin Wayne to Albuquerque of

LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Traded C Paul Lo Duca, RHP Guillermo Mota and OF Juan Encarnacion to the Florida Marlins for RHP Brad Penny, 1B Hee Seop Choi and LHP Bill Murphy.

NEW YORK METS-Traded LHP Scott Kazmir and RHP Jose Diaz to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for RHP Victor Zambrano and RHP Bartolome Fortunato. Traded INF Ty Wigginton, RHP Matt Peterson and INF Jose Bautista to the Pittsburgh Pirates for RHP Kris Benson and INF Jeff Keppinger. Recalled RHP Matt Ginter from Norfolk of the IL. Optioned RHP Dan Wheeler, RHP Tyler Yates and RHP Jae Seo to Norfolk. Purchased the contract of OF Gerald Williams from Norfolk.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES-Placed LHP Billy Wagner on the 15-day DL. Activated RHP Amaury Telemaco from the

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Traded RHP Felix Rodriguez to the Philadelphia Phillies for OF Ricky Ledee and RHP Alfredo Simon.

NBA

TORONTO RAPTORS-Matched New Orleans' offer for G-F Morris Peterson. Women's National Basketball As-

SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS-Announced the resignation of Dee Brown. Named Shell Dailey and Vonn Read co-coaches for the remainder of

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS-Placed OL Bruce Nelson on the physically-unableto-perform-list.

CINCINNATI BENGALS-Signed S Madieu Williams to a four-year contract, LB Caleb Miller, LB Landon Johnson, DT Matthias Askew, DE Robert Geathers and OT Stacy Andrews to three-year contracts and TE James Whalen to a one-year contract

DALLAS COWBOYS-Signed OT Jacob Rogers. Released WR Brandon

DENVER BRONCOS-Re-signed CB Reggie Stephens

DETROIT LIONS-Signed K Jason Hanson to a multivear contract. GREEN BAY PACKERS-Signed CB Joey

Thomas. Waived P-K Travis Dorsch. HOUSTON TEXANS-Signed S Glenn

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Agreed to terms with WR Reggie Williams. Signed G Chris Naeole to a multiyear contract

MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Signed DE Kenechi Udeze to a five-year contract. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS-Signed S Guss Scott and RB Cedric Cobbs.

Released S Matt Cercone. NEW YORK GIANTS-Signed G Chris Snee, LB Reggie Torbor, S Gibril Wilson, WR Jamaar Taylor, OT Drew Strojny, DE Issac Hilton and DT Delbert Cowsette. Waived PK Matt Bryant, DT Glenn Steele and DT Willie Blade. Placed G Rich Seubert, G Scott Peters and DE Lorenzo Bromell on PUP-active list. Placed QB Jared Lorenzen on

reserve-did not report list. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-Signed WR Rashaun Woods to a five-year contract, OL Justin Smiley to a four-year contract, DB Shawntae Spencer, WR Derrick Hamilton and DT Isaac Sopoaga.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS-Signed LB D.D. Lewis and G Sean Locklear to multiyear

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS-Signed WR D'Wayne Bates, LB Marquise Cooper, S Will Allen, G Jeb Terry, TE Nate Lawrie, WR Mark Jones and FB Casey Cramer. Placed WR Joe Jurevicius and G Matt O'Dwyer on active physically-unable-toperform list.

College

ANDERSON, S.C.-Named Schaffner men's and women cross country and track and field coach. ARMY-Announced the retirement of

Rob Riley, men's ice hockey coach. Named Brian Riley men's ice hockey

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON-Named Kim Fritts assistant softball coach. DELAWARE-Promoted Dawn Hill to women's associate field hockey coach. ILLINOIS STATE-Named Larry Lyons senior associate athletics director, Leanna Bordner associate athletics director and Todd Kober assistant athletics director. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA-Named Matt Sullivan associate media relations

XAVIER-Named Kenva Hunter men's assistant basketball coach.

By The Associated Press

SAIPAN TRIBUNE SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2004 **27**

The Week in Sports



lainoef, left, Emi Williams, middle, and Elena Soll are all smiles after finishing in the top 3 of the women's division in the July Pepsi King of the Lanes.

Center.





Saipan Tennis Association officers and members pose under the Verizon banner at the start of the Verizon Cup last Wednesday at the AMP

Off to the World Series

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY MARK RABAGO, REPORTER

he CNMI became the capital of baseball in the Pacific after ousting defending champion Guam last Wednesday.

In foreign soil, the top 9-12year-olds from the CNMI beat their rival baseball players from the south, 4-3, and earned a ticket to Williamsport, PA where the Little League World Series commences on Aug. 20-29.

In other sports, the 2004 UFO-San Miguel is winding down its eliminations round with the playoff pairings season of the Rotary Club of Saipan Summer Youth Basketball League, meanwhile, entered its second week.

The 2004 Inter-Restaurant Basketball League, for its part, is on the thick of the first round with top teams Country House, Angel Wings, and Ca-

> Nonie Eugenio of Angel Wings is doubleteamed by Country House's Dexter Cruzat and Ron Lopez.

almost complete. The 14th pricciosa duking it out for the pennant title.

In the IVYBL, Garapan Rollers I returned to the top after topping a game 69ers team last July 23.

The Saipan Tennis Association also kicked off its 2nd Verizon Cup last Wednesday with over 100 entries signed up.



FASA-PABA-CNC Inc.'s Jhun Estolas soars against Adonis Macoto and Joy Dayrit of Barteneders-Aliviera Sports Bar.

Dalewin Cortez gets his Miller Lite MVP of the game award from Roland Pamintuan after leading Bartenders to a 89-88 win over FASA Saturday in the 2004 UFO-San Miguel Cup.



Edward Vega of Country House drives to the hole against Robert Guiang of Angel Wings in their 2004 IRBL game Thursday morning. Country House won 68-63.



Visminda's Bing Marasigan is back on the floor after being sidelined for weeks because of a nose injury.



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The CNMI became the capital of baseball in the Pacific after ousting defending champion Guam last Wednesday.

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Tyson stopped in shocking fourth-round KO

Mike Tyson was knocked out in the fourth round Friday night in a shocking end to the latest comeback of the fighter who once was the most feared heavyweight of his era.



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Garapan Rollers rule

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ot since a then scrawny 5'4" wunderkind by the name of Kevin Cequena has Garapan Rollers been this good.

The team, held together by the blood, sweat, and spit of head coach Joe Diaz, finally scaled the top of the mountain last July 23 when it annexed the 2004 Inter-Village Youth Basketball League crown at the expense of a fighting 69ers squad.

But it didn't come easy for the G-Rollers, as they literally had to come back from the grave, down by 10 points with only five precious minutes left in the do-or-die championship held at the shivering-cold Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Garapan had everything on the line in the game against the Ray Duenascoached San Antonio team. If ever their was a time the 'Rollers were picked to go all the way it was this season.

They had a good mix of big men, a devil-may-care group of shooters, and a steady cadre of playmakers in the backcourt. Add to this the leadership of Diaz and assistant coach Jose Tumaquip, and success wasn't that far behind when the 14-and-under cage league began in March.

Garapan did just that in the first month of the IVYBL season going undefeated. The buzz started to build around them after yet another perfect April. And then May came and went with the G-Rollers still without a scratch.

The team eventually finished the regular season with a spotless 11-0 mark and then drew sister team Garapan Rollers II in the first round of the playoffs.

After routing their younger brothers, 67-40, last June 19, the boys of coach Diaz ousted defending champion Chalan Kanoa Saints, 58-48, two days later to advance to the championship.

Once there, Garapan overcame early jitters and battled the 69ers for every possession. After yielding the first three quarters to San Antonio, Garapan appeared to be in a bind when their opponents spotted them by 10 points in the final quarter.

But Garapan was not about to go down without a fight, and after a timeout by Diaz, the boys responded with a suffocating defense and an offensive blitz that allowed them to take the upperhand in the dying seconds, 60-58, one they would maintain until the final buzzer sounded.

"I am absolutely ecstatic that the boys finally took home the championship after years of bridesmaid finishes. This is actually Garapan's first championship since my boys did it in 2001. I'm proud of what they did in the basketball court and even prouder of how they are as young men," said Diaz after the win.



The young mentor also acknowledged his wife, Verna Babauta, for sticking with him and helping out the Garapan squad achieve victory. Babauta serves as team statistician and de facto team manager for Garapan Rollers.

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Atdao Pavillion the evening of the title match, July 23. Inset, the Garapan bench is ecstatic after the

For his part, Tumaquip said the boys proved their worth in the championship. He said even without their leading scorer, regular season MVP Robert Naraja, Garapan Rollers showed everyone that they were still a team to be reckoned with.

"These are a group of determined young teenagers we have here. They'll do what is needed to be done and do it the right way. The championship is just gravy, seeing them each grow to what they are now is the most satisfying," he said.

His brother Joemar, who hit tied the game at 58-all with 42 seconds left, said he feels relieved more than anything that he finished his last year

in the IVYBL with a title.

"We played great defense in the last couple of minutes. I just told my team 'don't give up' and that's what we did. This really feels great," he said.

Daniel Lizama said the title pays off for the months of training the team did prior to the start of the IVYBL season. "Practice really makes perfect."

Reserve forward Matthew Iguel, meanwhile, had mixed reactions after Garapan brought home the bacon. "It's awesome that we won this year's championship, but I kinda feel sad because the end of the season also means some of my teammates would've to go."

Finals MVP Vince Teregeyo shares Iguel's sentiments. "Yeah, it's kind of bittersweet. We won all this but some of us. like me. would have to move on and play for Rotary. But what a way to end your IVY-BL career!"

The rest of the 2004 IVYBL champion Garapan Rollers is made up of Allan Moses, Joe Pangelinan, Gary Philip, James Sablan, Keone Chariton, John Aldan, Jose Castro, Steve Tellei, Kevin Aldan, and Don Teregeyo.

Garapan Rollers I's Joe Pangelinan

shoots over 69ers' Preston Basa.